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Provincial PPE-related Expenditure stands at R124million as at August 2020 - MEC Rosho

In her Expenditure Disclosure Report to the Provincial Executive Committee (EXCO) and the Provincial Command Council (PCC), the MEC for Finance Motlalepula Rosho has indicated that the total amount spent on PPE-related items by the North West province from April – August 2020 stands at R124 228 038. Rosho presented an expenditure report which has provided a consolidated spending information as received from provincial departments as at 06 August 2020.

The Finance MEC says while some departments such as Health, Education, and Social Development incur COVID-19 spending on social responsibility, majority of departments are mainly spending for internal interventions to curb the spread of the disease. The department of Health leads with the implementation of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Plan with an expenditure of R65m to date, of which majority has been directed to healthcare workers and patients. Amongst other items, the Department of Social Development has to date spent R9.257m for Social Relief of Distress - R8.7mil for food parcels and R490k for dignity packs.

“The expenditure of the department of Education is the second highest after the department of Health at R32.669m of which key PPE items are in the form of temperature scanners and masks for learners, educators and non-educators”, MEC Rosho said. She further said that Education is an important sector which requires strict adherence to the protocols without compromising effective teaching and learning.

As an effort from the Provincial Treasury to ensure compliance and strict adherence to the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), while also ensuring accountability, the Provincial Internal Audit is currently performing audits on all COVID 19 related procurement by departments including personal protective equipment. The audits inter alia focuses on whether departments assessed and managed the risk with regard to this expenditure and whether the prescribed procurement processes were followed, whether prices paid are market related and in accordance with price determinations and whether the quality of goods received complied with the prescribed standards.

The audits are at an advanced stage of execution and the final reports are expected to be issued before the 31st of August 2020.

MEC Rosho concluded her presentation by recommending to the Provincial Command Council (PCC), to agree to the publication of COVID-19 expenditure in support of transparency principles subject to confidentiality provisions attached to the contracting between government departments and service providers.

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